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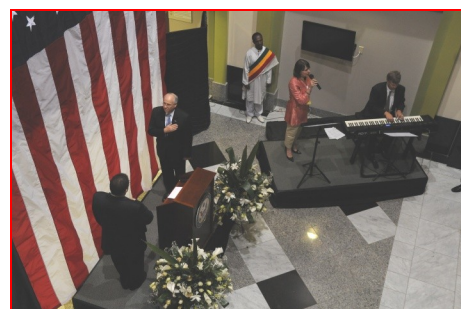
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All Surface Cleaner

- 2 quarts of water
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Submitted by Jeff Jenks

UNDERSTANDING YOUR ELECTRONICS: FACTS FROM FACILITIES

Part 1: Understanding Your Electronics

When you take your electronics from the US to Africa, there are two things you need to understand: volts (110V or 220V) and frequency (measured in hertz, or Hz). When you plug a US (110V) device into 220V outlet without a step-down transformer, you typically destroy it instantly. Frequency is a little more subtle, but may still damage your equipment in time. In the interest of keeping this readable, just know that running a US (60 hertz) clock on 50 hertz African power will make your clock run slow; the reverse is true if you take an African clock to the US.

Modern electronics often won't be affected by frequency differences, but simpler electronics, like the motor in a blender, will be affected. Know that running a US/110V/60Hz blender on a transformer in Africa will damage and eventually destroy it. Anything with moving parts is probably sensitive to frequency, assuming the device doesn't accept either frequency.

So how do you know what volts and frequency your equipment runs on? Most electronics print the input ranges on the device, usually somewhere near the power plug. For instance, looking at a typical laptop power supply, somewhere there you will see INPUT. Most will say 100-240V~1.5A 50-60Hz. This means it will accept anywhere from 100 through 240 volts without a transformer, and is happy getting anywhere from 50 to 60 Hertz (nevermind about the 1.5 amps for now; that isn't a consideration in traveling). To be absolutely clear, if your laptop power supply (or any other electronics) have that printed on them, you can plug them in without a transformer (BUT MAKE SURE YOU READ NEXT WEEK'S ARTICLE ON SURGE SUPPRESSORS). To see this label on many desktop computers, you must remove the side panel.

Nothing out there can convert frequency (Hz). A device typically either works at 50Hz, 60 Hz, or both. If you really like your US/110/60Hz blender, leave it in the box until you get home, and buy yourself a new blender to use abroad.

Where you need to pay special attention is on those devices that say 100-110/220-240. This means that they can handle either, but you need tell them which you will be supplying. Some desktop computers have a switch on the back that allows you to switch this back and forth.

When in doubt, ask someone. If that isn't an option, it is safer to err on the side of lower power, higher expectations by your equipment. Briefly plugging a 220V device into a 110V plug means the device won't work. Briefly plugging a 110V device into a 220V plug means the device will never work again.

Summary:

- The US runs at 110 volts. Most of the rest of the world runs at 220.
- You can't convert frequency (hertz), only voltage.
- If you must take a stab in the dark, start by plugging your mystery device into a 110 outlet/transformer, not 220

Submitted by Ron Saunders, Facilities Manager

To be Continued...





Weekend Adventure at Victoria Falls – Zambia

Victoria Falls was on our list of “Things To Do in Africa”, so when Tom’s work took him in that direction, we could not resist the opportunity to visit this natural wonder of the world.

We lodged at the Zambezi Sun Hotel, which is located directly adjacent to the falls and it is easy to visit the falls as many times as you like. But the falls are not the only attraction; Livingstone is an outdoor lovers paradise. We opted for a day-trip safari to Chobe, Botswana (which is famous for its elephants) and white water rafting on the Zambezi River. Other activities available are: Bungee jumping, Bungee swing, zip line, helicopter rides over the falls, a cruise to Livingstone Island and more. The safari was well organized. The tour began with a morning drive to the Botswana border, river crossing at the border control point, and then a boat-cruise-safari along the Chobe River. We docked for lunch at a nearby hotel and then boarded an open- air Land Rover for a game drive in the afternoon. Despite the morning rains, we saw hippos, crocodiles, baboons, impalas, and some really colorful birds. During the game drive, we saw adult and baby elephants, warthogs, giraffe, and lions – Not bad for a day trip!

White water rafting on the Zambezi was the best experience of my life! If you are looking for an activity that offers adventure, thrill and spectacular scenery, then this trip is for you.

Livingstone has something for everyone. We thoroughly enjoyed our brief time at Victoria Falls and hope to return someday.

Submitted by T&J Shealy



Black History Month Matching Game



a. _____ b. _____ c. _____ d. _____ e. _____ f. _____ g. _____ h. _____

1. Ida B. Wells Barnett: 1862-1931) - African-American educator, newspaperwoman, anti-lynching campaigner, founder NAACP.
2. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is considered the formative figure in the modern fight for civil rights, and his legacy looms large in the work of all those who follow him in his cause.
3. Medgar Wiley Evers (July 2, 1925 - June 12, 1963) was an African American civil rights activist from Mississippi who was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery after being assassinated by Ku Klux Klan member Byron De La Beckwith. Evers became active in the civil rights movement after returning from overseas service in World War II and completing secondary education; he became a field secretary for the NAACP.
4. Sojourner Truth: Former Slave who became a speaker for anti slavery and Women's Rights. One of her most famous speeches was *Ain't I a Woman?* "That man over there says that women need to be helped into carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place, and ain't I a woman? ... I have plowed, and planted, and gathered into barns, and no man could head me -- and ain't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man (when I could get it), and bear the lash as well -- and ain't I a woman? I have borne thirteen children and seen most all sold off to slavery and when I cried out with my mother's grief, none but Jesus heard me -- and ain't I woman?"
5. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela: born 18 July 1918) served as President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999, and was the first South African president to be elected in a fully representative democratic election. Before his presidency, Mandela was an anti-apartheid activist, and the leader of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the armed wing of the African National Congress (ANC).
6. Clifton Reginald Wharton, Sr. (May 11, 1899 - April 25, 1990) was an American diplomat, and the first African American diplomat to become an ambassador by rising through the ranks of the Foreign Service rather than by political appointment such as Frederick Douglass. He also became the first black Foreign Service Officer to become chief of a diplomatic mission, and simultaneously the first black chief of a diplomatic mission to a European nation. Born in Baltimore, Wharton received his law degree in 1920 and an advanced law degree in 1923 from Boston University School of Law. He practiced in Boston before joining the United States State Department as a law clerk in the Career United States Foreign Service. Wharton went on to be Vice Consul in Monrovia (1927-1929), Consul in Las Palmas (1932-1938), Minister to Romania (1958-1961) and Ambassador to Norway (1961-1964).
7. Bessie Coleman 1892-1926 — also known as "Queen Bess" — was the first African American woman airline pilot, as well as the first American woman to receive an international pilot's license.
8. Frederick Douglass (born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey, February 1818 - February 20, 1895) was an American social reformer, orator, writer and statesman. After escaping from slavery, he became a leader of the abolitionist movement, known for his dazzling oratory and incisive antislavery writing. He stood as a living counter-example to slaveholders' arguments that slaves did not have the intellectual capacity to function as independent American citizens. He became a major speaker for the cause of abolition.

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ICS Update

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Thursday 17 February: Grade 10 Parent Evening, 7:00 PM, Cafeteria

Friday 18 February: International Day, 8:00 AM

Friday 18 February: Early Dismissal: Elementary Students at 12:30 PM; MS/HS at 2:00 PM

Saturday 19 February: Addis MUN General Assembly at ICS

21-25 February: Visiting Author Week

Monday 21 February: Grade Level Spelling Bees

Monday 21 February: ISSEA Basketball Housing Meeting, 6:30 PM

Tuesday 22 February: Spelling Bee Semi-Finals

Tuesday 22 February: ISSEA Basketball Housing Meeting, 6:30 PM

Wednesday 23 February: AMC Math (G12) Competition, 9:15 AM

Wednesday 23 February: Augustana College Presentation, 10:25 AM

24-25 February: Festival of Choirs, TAISM, Oman

Thursday 24 February: Stages of Middle School Development, 7:00 PM, Library

Thursday 24 February: U of Waterloo Math (G9—11) Competition

Saturday 26 February: Spelling Bee Finals, 9:30-10:30 AM

Saturday 26 February: Elementary School Potluck Day, 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Wednesday 2 March: Victory at Adwa Day – School Closed for Students

3-7 March: ISSEA Basketball Tournament Hosted at ICS

Monday 7 March: Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Friday 11 March: Last Day of Elementary ASAs

Friday 11 March: PTA Meeting, 4:00 PM

Remember

Early Dismissal Every Wednesday 2:00!

ICS looking for experienced certified teachers: Please contact Hubert Gordon, Elementary Principal at 011-371-1544

Hubert.gordon@icsaddis.edu.et

Avanti Restaurant and Wine Bar

Avanti — Quality Italian Comfort Food, an Appealing Setting, and a Convenient Location



The Avanti Restaurant and Wine Bar offers quality Italian comfort food in an appealing setting, conveniently located just west of Bole Road along the Ring Frontage Road. Maggie and I had been hearing about this place for a long time, so after a walk in the neighborhood we decided to finally check it out.

We were not disappointed! Avanti offers top quality Italian food — interesting salads, classic pasta dishes, pizzas, gorgeous main courses, and tasty desserts — all for very reasonable prices. I chose the Beef Tenderloin at 85 ETB. The beef was as good as any to be found in Ethiopia, with interesting “crushed” potatoes and a tasty mixed vegetable side. This was the best beef dish I’ve had in months. Maggie had a gnocchi pasta dish at 65 ETB that was simply outstanding. Like any good Italian restaurant, Avanti’s pasta dishes are their pride, with a page worth of interesting choices.

Being a wine bar, there are plenty of good imported wine choices, though like all imported items this is where the prices go way up. Maggie and I decided to splurge on a very nice South African wine and we were not disappointed.

When Maggie and I arrived un-stylishly early at about 7:30pm the place was empty. But by 9pm it was full with a fun, high-end crowd that was perhaps two thirds Ethiopian and one third Ferengi. We ran in to several members of the Mission. The setting is romantic and cosmopolitan, yet at the same time kid friendly. Several groups had kids, and they were doing just fine.

So if you want solid Italian food, a great wine selection, in a lovely setting, give Avanti a try. To get there, head towards the airport down Bole Road. Turn right (west) at the Ring Road entrance but bear right instead of getting on the ring and stay on the frontage road. Avanti is on the right up a few hundred meters. Interestingly, the new apartments which will soon be part of the housing pool are very close, so those lucky enough to land in these beautiful apartments will have some fine dining in their future!

Submitted by Jim DeLoach

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nick.ryba@fco.gov.uk

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Wanted: Local used vehicle, preferable model is a VW Beatle in good condition inside and out. Contact Dan at 011-130-6648 (1/20)

For Sale White 2000 Toyota 4-runner Excellent condition Automatic shift; gasoline engine 50,000 miles US \$20,000 OBO call 091 235 2476

jcarr92@hotmail.com

Miscellaneous

Like-new Canon PowerShot G11 advanced amateur camera. 10MP sensor that features RAW mode for unlimited editing options, a 28mm wide-angle lens, and a 2.8-inch Vari-Angle Pure Color System LCD. High Sensitivity System and high-speed ISO for incredible image quality and low noise, this camera has a perfectly clean (no scratches or abrasions) LCD sensor and lens. Comes

with carrying case, battery (less than 2 mos old), charger and 4MB memory. Recent sample pictures available. \$450 USD/\$7425 ETB (1/6)

PUR ceramic water filter (A professional hiking/camping tool and favorite among guides for the bush. Like new condition, comes with clean, reuseable filter and case. \$50 or 830 ETB Contact John at downeyja@state.gov

(1/6/11)

If anyone heading to the States in the near future needs a cellular phone, we have a T-Mobile prepaid cellular subscription (SIM card) that is available for anyone needing it. You can use it with any unlocked US-capable GSM cell phone. Jim DeLoach, x7421. (1/6)

Seeking! Room with hot shower to rent near Sidist Kilo or the U. S. Embassy contact Wendy at wbelcher@princeton.edu

Great Horee for sale at the British Embassy. Comanche, 13 YO, 5000 ETB includes tack. Call Tina Fournier @ 091 337 3211 (2/3)

Piano for rent: call Aida Bekele @ 0911-208-944

FOR RENT: Beautiful four bedroom house, located at 8620 Hepplewhite Court, Annandale, Virginia 22003. The house is located in the Truro Housing development with a community pool, tennis court, and recreation center. Owned by Department of Justice family. We are looking for two year lease with Diplomatic Clause and asking \$3,300 per month. The house sits on .28 of an acre and is located on a cul-de-sac for privacy. One car garage. House includes washer/dryer, dishwasher, refrigerator, and stove/oven. Finished basement makes a great playroom for the kids. Fenced in backyard. Close to Metro, VRE, and only 12 miles from DC with alternate routes. Please contact property manager Mary Sullivan at (703) 623-8350, (703) 556-8600 or marysullivan@mrjs.com

Aluminum Baseball Bat - \$5 Baseball Gloves - 2 - \$5 each Never used Rawlings Softball - \$1 Archery Bow with Arrows - \$15 Samsung Flip Top Cell Phone with Charger (not working) 200 birr Please contact Karen at landherrke@state.gov (2/17)

For Sale: imported 3-piece sofa set: beige chair, a two-seater "love seat" and a three-seater couch. All pieces are very comfortable and have wooden arms and legs. The set is about two and a half years old and lightly used. \$800 USD for all three pieces together. Photos available on request: contact Kathleen kathleen.reaugh@gmail.com. Available until Feb 24 only (2/17)

for sale a pair of pink crocs size 4 please call [0913036432](tel:0913036432) 20 British pounds (2/17)

Household Staff

Cook Available

Aster Tadessa Assefa is looking for opportunities as a cook in Addis Ababa. She served as a cook and house help for a French family for eleven years and as a cook at Buling Hotel in Djibouti for five years. She specializes in French, Italian, and Mediterranean meals, but cooks a variety of dishes. She understands French and speaks Amharic and Oromo. She is hard working, cheerful, and has a wonderful sense of humor about everyday life. For more information, contact Wendy Belcher at wbelcher@princeton.edu or call 0920 01 23 24 to talk to her friend Samuel. (2/17)

Housekeeper-Cook available. Aynalem Degu has 10 years of experience working as a general housekeeper, cook, and nanny for European and American families. Her English is good and she can read recipes, read and leave notes. She likes house pets. She has a pleasant demeanor. Please call Aynalem at 0913656148. Email Nena Terrell for references at nterrell@usaid.gov.

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Services

Personal Trainer Available: Mohit Vartak is a Certified Personal Trainer with over 15 years of experience. He is available for personal training, nutrition consultation, body analysis, and fitness plan development. He is also available to lead group classes. Call him directly at 091 215

812 Recommended by Allyson Wainer (1/6/11)

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Live-in day-guard and gardener. Adenew Ayane will be looking for work as of March 1 because we are leaving Ethiopia. Adenew has three years experience working for expatriates as a day-guard and gardener. He has also worked as a mechanic (3 years), a soldier and military driver (6 years), and a farmer. He speaks Oromifa, Amharic and limited English. We have found him to be an excellent worker. He is trustworthy, resourceful, hard-working, quiet, and good with children. He prefers a live-in situation. Please contact Adenew at 0912-44-04-01. Please contact me, Kathleen, for a reference at 0920-31-76-87 or kathleen.reaugh@gmail.com.

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Teachers/Services

ICS seeking experienced certified teachers: Please contact Hubert Gordon , Elementary Principal at 011-371-1544

Hubert.gordon@icsaddis.edu.et

ICS looking for tutors and **English as an additional**

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Mr. Kumlachew Abera,
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01-11 Senior program Management Specialist COB 4/2011

Moulid or Mawlid

Mawlid, in Islam, is the birthday of a holy figure, especially Muhammad. His birthday is fixed by tradition as the 12th day of the month of Rabi' (actually the day of his death). First celebrated by the Muslim faithful in the 13th century,

Muhammad's birthday was preceded by a month of merrymaking, which ended with animal sacrifices and a torchlight procession. The day of the mawlid included a public sermon and a feast. Though mawlid festivities are considered idolatrous by some Islamic fundamentalists, they continue to be widely celebrated throughout the Muslim world and have been extended to popular saints and the founders of Sufi brotherhoods.
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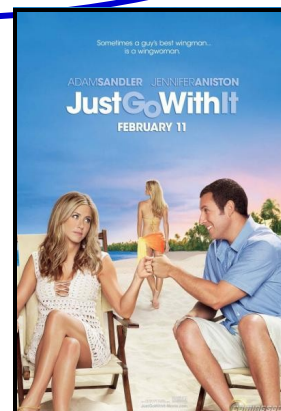
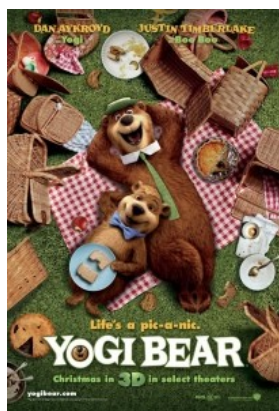
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